

**REMARKS**

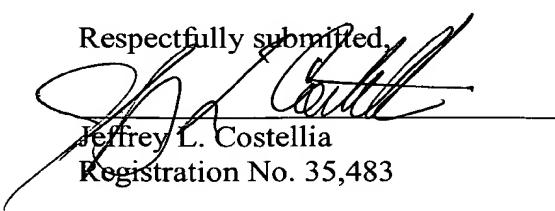
Further to the Amendment and the Request for Withdrawal of the Finality of the previous Office Action under 37 C.F.R. 1.129 filed on January 5, 2005, Applicant requests herein minor corrections to inconsistencies noted upon a further review of the claims. Claims 6, 8, 11, 18-20, 22-26 and 31-34 are pending for consideration in the present application, of which claims 6, 8, 11, 18, 19, 27, and 31 are independent.

Initially, Applicant notes that, in each of claims 6, 8, 10 and 11, the ranges “ $0.1 < x < l$ ” and “ $0.1 < x' < l$ ” have been replaced by “ $0.1 \leq x < l$ ” and “ $0.1 \leq x' < l$ ”, respectively, in view of what appears to be an inadvertent change of the less than or equal to symbol. In claims 18 and 19, the range “ $0.1 < x < l$ ” has also been replaced by “ $0.1 \leq x < l$ ”. This amendment corrects typographical errors that inadvertently occurred with the submission of the April 5, 2004 Amendment and places these ranges back into their proper state.

Additionally, Applicant has inserted the missing general formula in independent claims 18 and 19 and made other minor amendments to ensure proper antecedence.

In view of the present Amendment in supplement to the Amendment filed January 5, 2005, it is submitted that claims 6, 8, 11, 18-20, 22-26 and 31-34 are now in condition for allowance.

In the event that the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more of the above claims, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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